



Southwest Coordinating Group



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2004 Wildland Fire Season Memorandum

Directed to: Southwest Coordinating Group Members

From: Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

Topic/Issue: Fire Planning Analysis Committee Delineation and Development

The Southwest Geographic Area must continue to move rapidly forward in our transition to the Fire Program Analysis (FPA) system as our main fire program analysis and budgeting tool. To meet the congressionally-mandated deadline, the first phase of the project, the FPA-Preparedness Module will be used to formulate the FY 2007 budget. Since to prepare 2007 budget we submit it in FY 2005, the interagency use of FPA must begin in October 2004. The Southwest Coordinating Group has requested that the Arizona and New Mexico Interagency Coordination Groups actively support this ambitious timeline and help us determine the delineating state-wide interagency landscape-scale Fire Planning Units (FPU) by May 1, 2004. At this point we need to formally establish an interagency Southwest FPA Coordination Committee and one of us will need to be the representative to that group.

I request that you submit to Jay Ellington your recommendations for your agency member of this committee and if anyone of you wish to volunteer as representative by April 23. I believe that the agency representatives for the Forest Service will be Ginger Brudevold-Black and for the BIA will be Steve Larrabee. Some have expressed that they do not have planners specifically to assign to the task and we will work with the committee to be sensitive to these types of interagency issues. The established strong interagency partnerships in the Southwest will serve us well in this endeavour.

/s/ William C. Waterbury

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